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Cayce Applauds Employees

Staff members receive kudos at annual employee awards breakfast

Cayce, SC – Spirits were high this morning at the Masonic Lodge as Cayce municipal employees were recognized by the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager for another exemplary year of exceptional customer service to residents.

As the Masons at Lodge 384 served-up hot and delicious eggs, grits, sausage, and biscuits; city personnel enjoyed a well-deserved casual breakfast with their co-workers.

Mayor Elise Partin kicked-off the event by thanking the employees for all they do.

“You are what makes Cayce beautiful, clean, and safe,” she said. “You are what makes Cayce work,” she added.

Kelvin Harris, a meter technician in the utilities department, won Employee of the Year. According to his nomination by a co-worker, residents call or come by City Hall simply to tell city officials what a great job he’s doing.

“They compliment Kelvin on his thorough work, kind demeanor, and great attitude,” his co-worker said.

The Sunrise Award, which goes to the department that demonstrated the best service in the past year, went to **Cayce’s Sanitation Department** managed by **Thomas White** – last year’s Employee of the Year.

As City Manager, John C. Sharpe, remarked as he presented the award, “The sanitation department, which we often take for granted, has a consistent can-do attitude. They work on holidays, in any conditions. This award is richly deserved,” he said.

Mike Adams from Public Safety won the Best Suggestion for 2009. He suggested placing a mirror behind City Hall for safety.

Some statistics about the awards:

- The Grants Division generated over \$1 million in state and federal grants in 2009.
- 77 employees received a free day off due to safe driving records. The winner of \$100 cash drawing was **Findlay Wihlidal** in Public Safety.
- Cayce had no cut-backs or furloughs in 2009.
- 15 employees have been at the City from 10 to 35 years.
- 28 members of the staff did not miss a day of work last year.

In his remarks at the close of the breakfast, Council Member Rick Myers summed it up by saying, “Customer service is what this city is all about.”



Photo (left to right): Kelvin Harris and Mayor Elise Partin. Photo provided by Leo Redmond, City of Cayce.